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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated below.

In the Claims:

1-29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously Presented) A method for manufacturing a coating package, comprising:

providing a flat, flexible carrier; and

applying at least one covering layer to the carrier, wherein the covering layer is cross-linked on the carrier,

wherein the covering layer comprises openings, and

wherein the carrier comprises a paint-repellent layer configured to attach to and separate from the covering layer.

- 31. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 30, wherein the openings in the covering layer have a size ranging from 5 μ m to 100 μ m.
- 32. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 30, wherein the openings are configured in the shape of a cut.
- 33. (Previously Presented) A method for applying a covering layer to a substrate comprising:

providing a coating package comprising:

- a flat, flexible carrier;
- a covering layer, wherein the covering layer is cross-linked on the carrier, and wherein the covering layer comprises openings,

wherein the carrier comprises a paint-repellent layer configured to attach to and separate from the covering layer; at least partly separating the carrier from the covering layer;

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applying an adhesive layer in a non-cross-linked state between the covering layer and the substrate; and

applying the covering layer to the substrate.

- 34. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein the adhesive layer is applied to the covering layer before applying the covering layer to the substrate.
- 35. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein at least one of the covering layer and the adhesive layer is a paint layer.
- 36. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein at least one of the covering layer and the carrier comprises a loose or woven fiber product.
- 37. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim [[33]] <u>36</u>, wherein the fiber product comprises glass or synthetic fibers.
- 38. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein the coating package further comprises spacers for holding the covering layer at a predetermined distance relative to the substrate.
- 39. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 38, wherein the spacers are positioned at one or more of the following: on a side of the covering layer which comes into contact with the adhesive layer, in the adhesive layer, and on the adhesive layer.
- 40. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 38, wherein the spacers are configured such that they are formed integrally with the covering layer.
- 41. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein at least one of the covering layer and the adhesive layer comprises an elasticizing additive.

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42. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein the method is a method for applying a coating to a surface of a building.

- 43. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein the surface comprises a window frame or a door.
- 44. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein a distance A is defined which corresponds to the distance between the upper side of the substrate and the upper side of the covering layer, and wherein the distance A has a value ranging from 0.01 mm to 1 mm.
- 45. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 44, wherein the distance A has a value ranging from 0.01 to 0.1 mm.
- 46. (Previously Presented) A coating package comprising:
 - a flat, flexible carrier; and
- a covering layer, wherein the covering layer is cross-linked on the carrier, and wherein the covering layer comprises openings,

wherein the carrier comprises a paint-repellent layer configured to attach to and separate from the covering layer.

- 47. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 46, wherein the openings in the covering layer have a size ranging from 5 μ m to 100 μ m.
- 48. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 46, wherein the openings are configured in the shape of a cut.